## **CLAIMS**

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L	1. A thermal	battery	system	comprising

a housing;

an electrical energy supplying assembly for supplying electrical power when heated to operating temperatures mounted within said housing

a wire heating assembly mounted within said housing for heating said electrical energy supply assembly to operating temperatures.

- 2. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising said housing containing a first insulation layer mounted about said at least a portion of said electrical energy supplying assembly.
- 3. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 2 further comprising said wire heating element assembly mounted within said insulation layer.
- 4. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 1, or 2, or 3, further including means to adjust the level of heating produced by said wire heating assembly.
- 5. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 4 wherein said wire heating assembly is made of nickel-chrome wire.
- The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 5 comprising:
  a second ridged insulation layer mounted within said first insulation
  layer; and
  - said wire-heating assembly mounted about at least a portion of said second ridged insulation layer.

- 7. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 6 further including means coupled to said electrical energy supplying assembly for recharging same.
  - 8. A thermal battery system comprising:
- 2 a first housing;

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an electrical energy supplying assembly for supplying electrical power when heated to operating temperatures mounted within said first housing;

a wire heating assembly mounted about said first housing for heating said electrical energy supply assembly to operating temperatures; and a second housing mounted about said fist housing and said wire-

heating assembly.

- 9. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 8 further comprising said first housing containing a first insulation layer mounted about said at least a portion of said electrical energy supplying assembly.
- 10. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 9 further comprising a second insulation layer mounted between said first and second housings about said wire heating element assembly.
- 1 11. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 8, or 9, or 10, further including means to adjust the level of heating produced by said wire heating assembly.
- 1 12. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 11 wherein said wire heating assembly is made of nickel-chrome wire.
- 1 13. The thermal battery system as set forth in claim 12 further including means coupled to said electrical energy supplying assembly for recharging it.